



September 13, 2022

Maiko Winkler-Chin, Director
Seattle Office of Housing
700 Fifth Avenue, Suite 5700
Seattle, WA 98194

Dear Maiko,

I am excited to present you with Africatown Community Land Trust's (ACLT) response to the Office of Housing Funding NOFA for the Keiro site, in Seattle's Central District.

This funding will allow ACLT to undertake a new construction project that will provide 238 permanently affordable rental apartments for individuals and families earning up to 60% of the area median income. Once developed, the ground floor will provide space for an early childhood learning center operated by a licensed provider to serve families in the building and the surrounding community.

As you know, ACLT's mission is to acquire, steward, and develop land assets necessary for the African diaspora to grow and thrive in its historic place in Seattle's Central District. ACLT's work is focused on alleviating the economic and social inequalities facing Seattle's African American community; we engage in that work and advance our mission through community co-creation of affordable housing developments in the Central District and throughout Seattle's African American community. One significant difference is that we communicate with members of the community and affected tenants early in the development process whenever we are embarking on a new project

The community is excited and engaged about this project and is eager to see progress on this site. At a time when the neighborhood feels the development coming over the hill, this project could retain some of the people who have for decades called this neighborhood home. Thank you for your consideration of our request. Please contact Muammar Hermanstyne, Director of Real Estate at (347) 414-4492, if you require any additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "K. Wyking Garrett", with a stylized flourish at the end.

K. Wyking Garrett
President, Africatown Community Land Trust